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In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows, and that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

A Statement of Common Ownership of the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,590,625 to Umemoto et al. is set forth on page 2 of this paper.

An Amendment to the Title is set forth on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

Applicants submit that the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,590,625 to Umemoto et al. were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by the same company Nitto Denko Corporation, of Osaka, Japan.

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AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read as follows:

LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS HAVING LIGHT PIPE WITH REFLECTIVE
POLARIZER